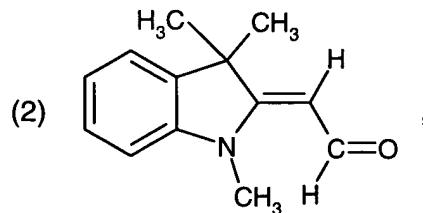


REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 were pending in this application.

Claim 13, withdrawn from consideration, has been cancelled.

Claim 12 has been amended in accord with the current rules in which underlining shows additions and strikethrough shows deletions. Said amendment excludes compound

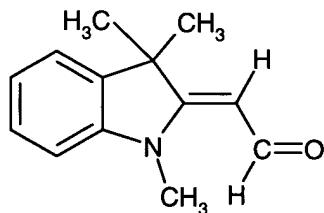


shown at the top of page 4 of the disclosure, from the claimed scope. Hence no new matter has been added.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated Kuhlthau, U.S. Patent No. 3,915,015. Reconsideration is requested in light of the amendment *supra* and the following remarks.

The Kuhlthau reference discloses aldehyde compounds as starting materials for dyes.

Specifically, 1,3,3-Trimethyl-2-methylene-2,3-dihydroindol- ω -aldehyde of the formula



is disclosed as a preferred starting compound. Since said compound is excluded from the scope of present claim 12, said claim is clearly distinguished over this reference. Moreover, since the compounds of Kuhlthau disclosed in the Table in col. 12 are starting materials for the preparation of dyes, i.e. a technical field that is completely different from that of the present invention, related compounds would not be obvious thereover.

In this reference there is no disclosure or suggestion using these compounds as UV absorbers for the protection of ultra-violet-sensitive organic materials.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated Kuhlthau, U.S. Patent No. 3,915,015 is respectfully solicited in light of the remarks *supra*.

Since there are no other grounds of objection or rejection, passage of this application to issue with claim 12 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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